

**REMARKS**

By this amendment claims 1-12 have been cancelled and new claims 13-29 have been added. Examination of the application is requested. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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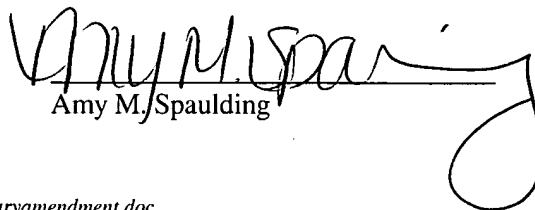


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